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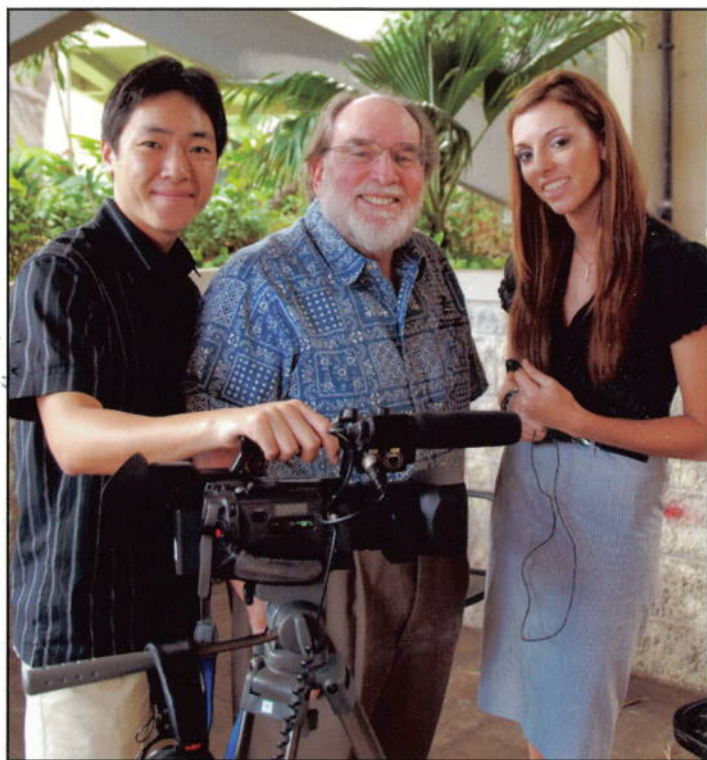
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## Journalism Students Win FOX News Challenge

Journalism seniors Casey Chin and Meghan Lopez won the Sixth Annual FOX News Channel College Challenge for their fair and balanced news video on Native Hawaiian independence and the Akaka Bill. The FOX News Channel College Challenge requires student teams to report, write, and produce an objective broadcast news story. A panel from FOX News Channel judged the dozens of entries submitted from universities and colleges across the country. Chin and Lopez received their award on April 24, 2009 during a live taping of the "FOX and Friends" show in New York, along with \$10,000 in scholarship funding, and an additional \$10,000 for program support.

Working with resources provided by the School of Communications' media lab and *Ka Leo O Hawai'i*, and with assistance from fellow student Steven Tonthat, Chin and Lopez used Sony PD-170 cameras to shoot more than 13 hours of tape for the three-minute story. "We had really good interviews that we had to let go because we couldn't fit it into the package," Chin said. "The hardest part was summarizing the entire history of the Hawaiians' sovereignty movement and presenting it to a national audience that knows nothing about the United States' illegal overthrow of the [native monarchy]," said Lopez, who came to Hawai'i as a freshman four years ago.

They worked three months on the project, even traveling to the Lakota Nation in South Dakota during the winter break to interview Native Americans about the importance of the Native Hawaiian sovereignty move-



Chin and Lopez interviewed Congressman Neil Abercrombie for their news video.

ment. "It was fun and the worst part of my life," Chin said. "There were times that we were in there [editing] for 12 hours." "The best part about the experience was being able to work on a story that went into more depth than a minute and a half, normal news project," Lopez said. "[This issue] is something that affects pretty much everybody in Hawai'i."

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# ROTC Cadet Receives Top Award

Arts & Sciences student [now graduate] Natalia Cardona was selected the top Army ROTC cadet at UH Mānoa and took part in the 2009 George C. Marshall ROTC Seminar in Lexington, Virginia on April 15-17. The award is given annually to the top cadet from each of the 273 Army ROTC units around the nation.

During the seminar, the award winners explored a broad range of national security issues with senior military leaders. 2 LT Cardona was commissioned on May 17 at Kennedy Theatre at which time she was branched as a Medical Service Corps officer. In addition to ROTC, Natalia is active in the Golden Key International Honour Society, an organization dedicated to serving its community through volunteer work. She is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa and participated in the Honors Program.

2 LT Cardona will pursue her graduate studies to become a clinical psychologist for the Army. She hopes to study Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, anxiety disorders, and the mechanics of violence and aggression. Her ultimate goal is to be able to serve soldiers and their families through her education and expertise. She is greatly humbled in receiving this award and thanks the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in its entirety for giving her the opportunity to develop into an individual deserving of the George C. Marshall Award.



Natalia Cardona with parents CW4 Leonte & Hyon Cardona.

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Meghan Lopez and Casey Chin accept the award with Student Media Adviser Jay Hartwell.

Lopez, who was an intern at 9News (KUSA) in Denver last summer, also was one of three college journalists selected to join 12 professionals to travel as fellows through Germany this past summer in a program sponsored by Radio and Television News Directors Foundation and RIAS Berlin Kommission. Afterwards, Lopez hopes to become a backpack journalist. "I want to be able to travel around the world and explore culture, social and political issues within whatever community I am visiting."

Chin, a Society of Professional Journalists' intern with Hawai'i Business magazine last summer, said he also hopes to travel as a reporter.

"I really hope that our recognition will stir a more serious conversation about our journalism program," Lopez said. "It's absolutely important to have a journalism program at UH."